committees in the sphere of archives collection. A vehicle at the disposal of the Secretary will enable him to tour extensively to find out new records, coins, manuscripts, and other valuable source-materials of use to the Commission.

Standing Committee's views:

This point was discussed earlier at the 24th and 25th meetings of the Research and Publication Committee of the Indian Historical Records Commission, held in January 1955 and February 1956 respectively. At present, the position is much better as in most of the States which have organised Archives Departments, the Directors of State Archives function as the Secretary or the Convener of their Regional Records Survey Committees. Only in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Tripura and Delhi the position is different.

Actually the best way to make the Regional Records Survey Committees function more effectively may be to provide funds and whole-time staff.

(10) Resolution by Dr. Hiralal Chatterjee

"Resolved that the State Committees be asked to publish at least one journal every year which should include reports about their many sided activities, a list of archival collections made by them throughout the year, names of receipients of any cash rewards and prizes for outstanding work, if any, besides some learned articles contributed by competent scholars. For this the University Grants Commission be approached and be requested to place enough funds at the disposal of the State Committees."

Explanatory note:

A journal is a helpful medium of public instruction, and its publication is a 'must' in view of the growingly felt need of popularising the work of archives collection and for widening the base and sphere of its activity. For this purpose, necessary funds should be made available by the University Grants Commission which I am sure shall not grudge spending money on such a noble project.

Standing Committee's views:

The Regional Records Survey Committees are already sending annual reports pertaining to survey and salvaging of private records to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission and these are published in summary form in the proceedings of the Indian Historical Records Commission. Also the volumes of the National Register of Private Records now being published by the National Archives of India contain information about the owners etc. of records. Besides this, the National Archives of India brings out an archival journal entitled The Indian Archives which carries a summary of the work done by the Regional Records Survey Committees. Sometimes articles on Private Collections are also published in the journal, and are always welcome. The State Governments could also very well high-light the work done by the Regional Committees in their respective Administration Reports, in case it was not possible to publish separately the reports on the work done by the Regional Records Survey Committees as suggested.

In Andhra pradesh State Archives has started a journal in and will be known for its Director's experience in this regard